

**KANSAS
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MAY DAY**

**NO HOUSEWORK
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NO SCHOOL
NO WORK**



**STRIKE
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MAY 1

EVERYWHERE

WAGE SLAVERY OR STARVATION?
THAT'S NOT A CHOICE, IT'S A THREAT!



May Day: Holiday for all Workers.

May 1st is International Workers' Day. Honoring the anarchists who were executed by the United States Government for demanding an 8 hour work day at Haymarket Square, Chicago May 4th, 1886.

People gathered to support workers striking for an 8 hour work day and in reaction to the killing of several workers the previous day by the police. Police attempted to disrupt the public meeting and an unknown person threw a stick of dynamite at the police. The dynamite blast and ensuing gunfire resulted in the deaths of seven police officers and at least four civilians; many others were wounded.

In the internationally publicized legal proceedings that followed, eight anarchists were convicted of conspiracy. The evidence was that one of the defendants may have built the bomb, but none of those on trial had thrown it. Seven were sentenced to death and one to a term of 15 years in prison. The death sentences of two of the defendants were commuted by Illinois governor Richard J. Oglesby to terms of life in prison, and another committed suicide in jail rather than face the gallows. The other four were hanged on November 11, 1887. In 1893, Illinois' new governor John Peter Altgeld pardoned the remaining defendants and criticized the trial.

Every step of the way as workers have struggled for the basic necessities of life (8 hour work days, end to child labor, safety regulations, etc) the US government and their police and national guard have been there to try to kill us.

It's time to celebrate!

May Day is our day, to relax and to strike, by refusing to show up at work, refusing to go to school, and refusing to purchase anything we demonstrate that the working class makes everything society needs and that we should have a choice over our own lives.

Labor creates all value. We take the raw materials and turn them into something that can be bought and sold with our labor. We perform the services our workplaces make money off of. Then our boss takes all of what we have created and gives us a tiny bit back in the pathetic form of a 'wage'; a paycheck. We create more value in one day of work than they pay us for a week of work. Without us their machines would not run. Without us their services would not be provided. Yet we are the ones struggling to survive. We feel the effects of this system on our own bodies every day.

May Day, to put it simply, is when we find the strength to say 'NO'. We don't want this. And your society would not run a single day without us.

This is a power we harness at all times. Every day can be May Day when we talk to each other and take our demands for something better seriously. What could be more important than our very lives?

We deserve better than this. If we want better than this we must overthrow capitalism. Capitalism is the parasite sucking on the hard work of workers everywhere and we have had quite enough of it.

The boss, the land lord, the prison guard, la migra, and the police are the creators of this world in which we suffer.

General Strike?!

A general strike, or mass strike has usually involved workers from a broad range of occupations and industries, though with some geographic focus, such as a city or a state. While unionized workers have typically been at the core of general strikes, non-union workers, families, neighbors, students, and the unemployed have often joined in. These strikes have often started with economic demands, but they tend to move quickly to issues of procedure, rights, and justice. General strikes first occurred in the mid-19th century, and have characterized many historically important strikes

The largest general strike that ever stopped the economy of an advanced industrial country – and the first general wildcat strike (Strike without a Union) in history – was May 1968 in France. The prolonged strike involved eleven million workers for two weeks in a row, and its impact was such that it almost caused the collapse of the de Gaulle government.

Other notable general strikes include:

494 BC: The Aventine Secession, Ancient Rome, creating the Tribune of the Plebs

449 BC: A secessio plebis leading to the adoption of the Twelve Tables

287 BC: A secessio plebis leading to the adoption of the Lex Hortensia

1835: 1835 Philadelphia General Strike, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1842: 1842 General Strike, Great Britain

1862-1865: The plantation general strike in the Confederate States of the U.S.

1877: St. Louis general strike, St. Louis, Missouri, an outgrowth of the Great Railroad Strike of 1877 in the US.

1886: Walloon jacquerie of 1886 Wallonia
1892: New Orleans General Strike, Louisiana, U.S.
1893: Belgian general strike of 1893, Belgium
1902: Geneva General Strike of 1902, Switzerland
1905: The Great October Strike, Russia; see 1905 Russian Revolution. World's largest general strike.
1907: Geneva General Strike of 1907, Switzerland
1907: New Orleans Levee General Strike, United States
1909: A general strike coupled with a major uprising in Barcelona
1909: Swedish General Strike
1909: Uprising of the 20,000, New York, NY, U.S.
1912: Brisbane General Strike, Australia
1912: Zurich General Strike of 1912, Switzerland
1917: Australian General Strike
1917: Brazilian General Strike
1917: Spanish General Strike
1918: Swiss General Strike
1919: Barcelona General Strike, Spain
1919: Winnipeg General Strike, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
1919: Seattle General Strike, Seattle, Washington, U.S.
1919: General Strike in Basel & Zurich 1919, CH
1920: General strike in Germany to stop Kapp Putsch.
1920: Romanian general strike
1922: Italian General Strike
1920: German passive resistance strikes at the Ruhr
1926: UK General Strike of 1926
1933: French general strike of 1933
1932: Geneva General Strike of 1932, Switzerland
1934: West Coast Longshoremen's Strike, US
1934: Minneapolis Teamsters Strike, US
1934: Toledo Auto-Lite Strike, US
1936: Palestinian general strike
1936: French general strike of 1936
1936: Syrian General Strike

1938: French general strike of 1938
1941: February Strike, Netherlands
1942: Luxembourgian General Strike
1946: Indian General Strike
1946: Oakland, California General Strike
1950: Austrian General Strikes
1950: General strike against Leopold III of Belgium
1953: Hartal 1953, Ceylon
1954: General strike of 1954, Honduras
1956: Finnish General Strike
1958: Bahamas General Strike
1960: 1960-1961 Winter General Strike in Belgium
1968: French General Strike
1972: Quebec General Strike
1973: Uruguayan General Strike
1974: Ulster Workers Council Strike, Northern Ireland.
1984: Uruguayan General Strike
1988: Spanish General Strike
1989: Two-hour general strike of all citizens of Czechoslovakia during the Velvet Revolution
1992: Nepalese General Strike
1995: French Public Sector Strikes
1995: Days of Action, Canada
2000: Cochabamba General Strike, Bolivia
2002: Italian General Strike
2002–2003: Venezuelan General Strike
2005: Bolivian Gas Conflict
2006: April 2006 Nepalese General Strike
2007: Guinea General Strike
2009: French Caribbean General Strikes
2010: Spanish General Strike
2012: Spanish General Strike the 29th of March
2012: The 14th of Novembre took part a European General Strike in countries as Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus ...
2013: Slovenian Public Sector General Strike

Prisons Hurt Workers!

The United States has the largest prison population in recorded human history. More prisoners than Joseph Stalin had in the infamous gulags of the Soviet Union. Our prison population has nearly tripled since 1985.

When you really stop and think about it almost all crime can be broken down to a few causes which government and capitalism only make worse. Most of the crimes committed are nonviolent, based out of poverty, or don't have a victim. People should be given adequate resources, mental health services, and addiction services, not locked in a cage.

In the United States prisoners are a source of free labor for the state and private corporations who can pay prisoners much lower than even minimum wage, this is legalized slavery. Now the bosses can pay lower wages to workers outside of prison because those in prison are forced to work for dollars a day. Historically in The United States police forces as we know them were created for two reasons. To stop large public demonstrations and to catch escaped slaves. It's not hard to see that they still perform the same job today. The 13th Amendment allows for slavery within prison.

Prisoners have a long hidden history of organizing. They employ hunger strikes, work stoppages, and many other tactics. There are important ways those of us on the outside can help their struggle along. The most basic of all is to write letters to folks who are in prison. We can send them money, books, news, and offer them friendship and conversation. Those who attempt to keep our lives miserable, attempt to keep us apart, but we are finding each other, and we are taking care of each other.

QUOTES FROM THE HAYMARR

August Spies

"If you think that you can crush out these ideas that are gaining ground more and more every day, if you think you can crush them out by sending us to the gallows – if you would once more have people suffer the penalty of death because they have dared to tell the truth – and I defy you to show us where we have told a lie – I say, if death is the penalty for proclaiming the truth, then I will proudly and defiantly pay the costly price! Call your hangman!"

Michel Schwab

"It is entirely wrong to use the word Anarchy as synonymous with violence. Violence is one thing and Anarchy another. In the present state of society violence is used on all sides, and, therefore, we advocated the use of violence against violence, but against violence only, as a necessary means of defense."

Oscar Neebe

"There is no evidence to show that I was connected with the bomb-throwing, or that I was near it, or anything of that kind. So I am only sorry, your honor – that is, if you can stop it or help it – I will ask you to do it – that is, to hang me, too; for I think it is more honorable to die suddenly than to be killed by inches."

Adolph Fischer

"An Anarchist is always ready to die for his principles; but in this case I have been charged with murder, and I am not a murderer. You will find it impossible to kill a principle, although you may take the life of men who confess these principles. The more the believers in just causes are persecuted, the quicker will their ideas be realized."

THE TRIAL OF KET MARTYRS

Louis Lingg

"let me assure you that I die happy on the gallows, so confident am I that the hundreds and thousands to whom I have spoken will remember my words; and when you shall have hanged us, then, mark my words, they will do the bomb-throwing! In this hope do I say to you: "I despise you. I despise your order; your laws; your force-propped authority." HANG ME FOR IT!"

George Engel

"I hate and combat, not the individual capitalist, but the system that gives him those privileges. My greatest wish is that workingmen may recognize who are their friends and who are their enemies. As to my conviction, brought about as it was, through capitalistic influence, I have not one word to say."

Samuel Fielden

"To-day as the beautiful autumn sun kisses with balmy breeze the cheek of every free man, I stand here never to bathe my head in its rays again. I have loved my fellow men as I have loved myself. I have hated trickery, dishonesty, and injustice. The nineteenth century commits the crime of killing its best friend. It will live to repent of it."

Albert Parsons

"Your honor, I would like to make a remark right there. What stronger evidence can be required to prove the infamous character of what are called our criminal courts? Evidently, the courts are criminal, whether the persons they convict are criminal or not. Under such a condition of things as this, manifestly, a trial can have no color of justice or reason or be anything else than a conspiracy to convict a man, whether he be innocent or guilty, unless he is permitted to know what it is that they propose to prove upon him. This would be just, but justice and law are quite different things."

Deportations Hurt Workers!

Immigrants ('Legal' or not) are fellow workers and are not taking jobs from other workers. Jobs in the United States have been shipped over seas to sweatshops and into prisons in the United States. We need to confront the bosses who pay undocumented people starvation wages rather be upset at our friends & neighbors for trying to survive. US Trade deals and violent foreign policy have forced many folks in this world to leave their home countries & seek survival elsewhere. No human being is illegal! Capitalists are allowed to cross borders to enslave poor countries & steal their resources, but human beings are killed and imprisoned for crossing imaginary lines on maps put there by those who force us to work. Why do we have a system of labor in which others can 'steal' your job in the first place? We need a way of doing the work that needs to be done in which everyone can participate bringing the best of their skills and knowledge to the benefit of all.



Unemployment is no Accident!

This system that forces people to have jobs refuses to provide enough jobs for everyone. This leaves those who cannot get jobs to make the choice between an empty stomach or crime. It is important for those with and without jobs to work together for a society where no one is denied the basic necessities of life. It should not be radical to demand that each person have food to eat, clothes to wear, and a place to live, when we are living in some of the greatest excesses of human history. We watch as food rots on super market shelves, dumpsters fill with basic necessities, and homes sit empty while our neighbors go without often dying in the process. They are killing us.



Jobs are an outdated concept!

There are not enough jobs to go around but when you look around you there is plenty of work to be done. People spend most of their time to make money for their bosses and on tasks they do not enjoy and are often meaningless. Some people refuse to have jobs and refer to themselves as Ex-Workers. Ex-Workers attempt to live a life without wage employment and/or seek to end the capitalist system which forces all of us to labor for others. Dumpster diving, communal living, squatting, social service scams, hustling, temporary employment, shoplifting, and many other tactics can be used by ex-workers to survive in this current world of forced labor.



Why Do Anarchists Wear Masks?

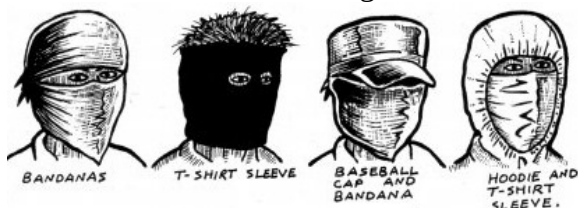
Unfortunately in this world, those who attempt to make things better for all of us will find themselves coming face to face with those who don't want things to change. Because of this anarchists who do not wear masks are often targeted.

Wearing a mask allows us to control who does and doesn't know who we are when we are making our voices and actions heard.

Some folks wear masks so that they cannot be fired by their employer for political organizing on their time away from work. Some folks wear masks so that they cannot be harassed and targeted by law enforcement during or after a political action. Some folks wear masks so that white-supremacists don't attack them for organizing against neo-nazis and the KKK. Some folks wear masks because they are undocumented and don't want to be deported for demanding the basic necessities of life.

There are a thousand other reasons why someone may decide to wear a mask in public.

Even if you do not plan on doing anything illegal you make yourself safer and those around you safer by wearing a mask. Ultimately the choice to wear a mask or not is a personal choice and should be respected no matter what you choose. We are in this together.



Prisoners Are On Strike!

2012: Army of The 12 Monkeys, cause a widespread prison uprising after sneaking riot training manuals into Mansfield Correctional, Ohio.

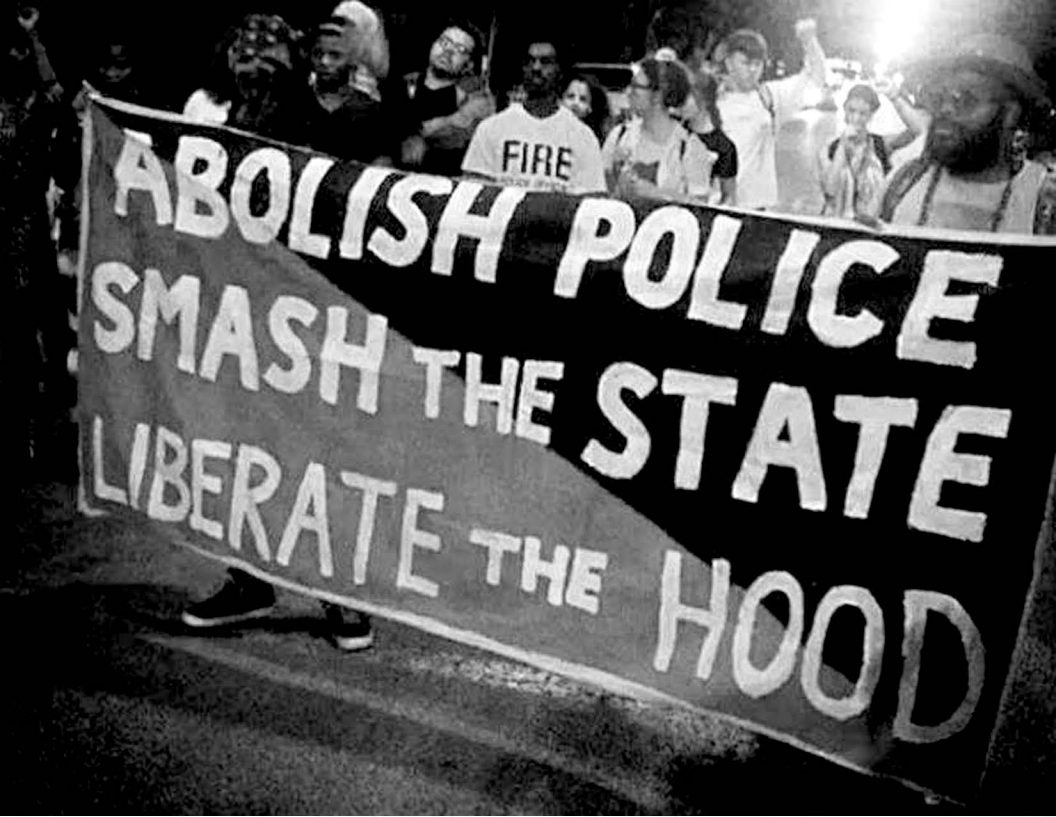
2013: California prisoner hunger strike, which involved upwards of 29,000 inmates of the California prison system, began on July 8, 2013, primarily in protest of the indefinite solitary confinement of prisoners with alleged gang affiliations & lasted for 60 days. The strike was organized by inmates in long term solitary in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) at Pelican Bay State Prison. It is the largest hunger strike in the history of California.

2013: Potosi prisoner hunger strike, south of St Louis, MO is the only maximum security prison that allows death row inmates to interact with general population resulting in the repressive and violent treatment of all inmates. Nine inmates were on hunger strike to bring forth attention to the conditions in PCC.

2015: Tecumseh Nebraska Prison Riot, Prisoners allegedly kill two rapists while rioting with a list of demands.

2016: Texas Prison Work Strike, prisoners at 7 Texas prisons go on strike over working conditions, medical expenses, and access to lawyers.

2016: Alabama Prison Work Strike, on May Day prisoners call for state wide month long prison work strike with a variety of demands.



Industrial Workers of The World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

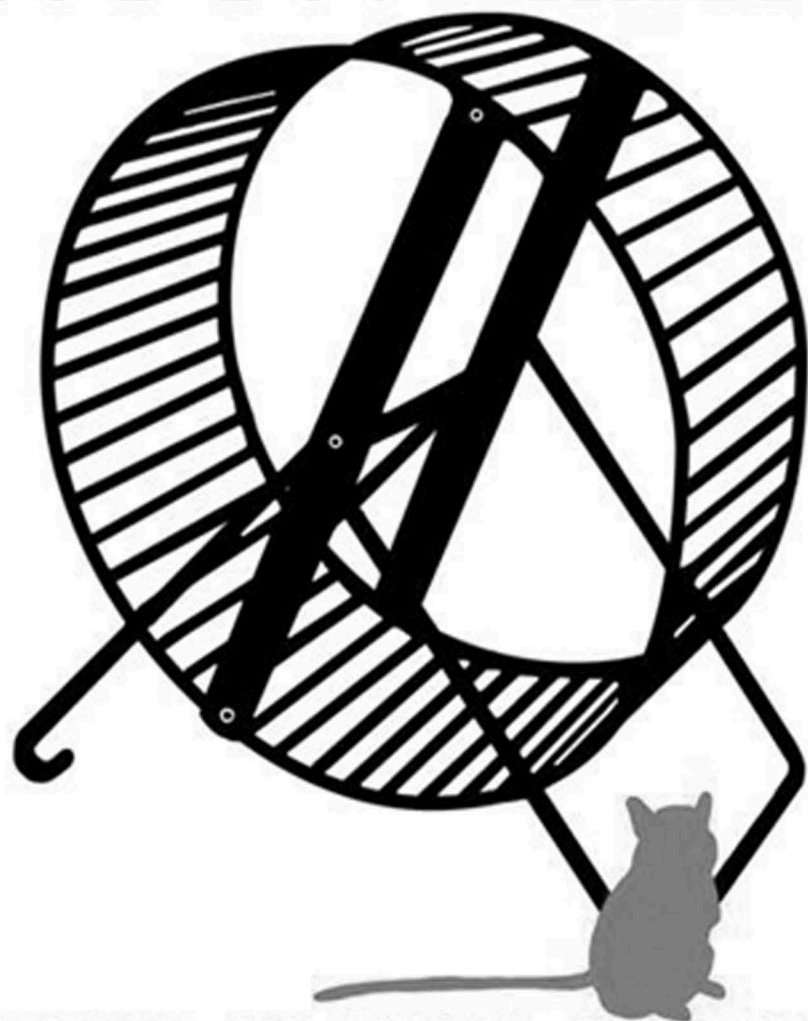
We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

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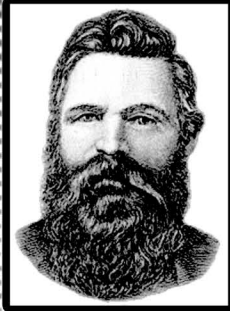
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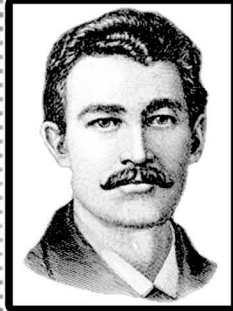
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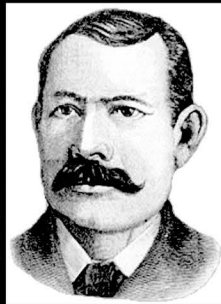
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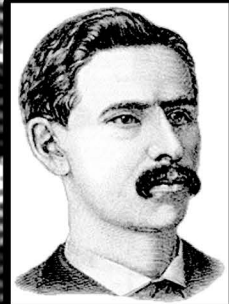
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